

Amend claim 14 as follows:

14. The device as recited in claim 12, wherein at least a portion of said bactericidal metal is crystalline silver.

Amend claim 15 as follows:

15. The device as recited in claim 12, wherein said antimicrobial sheet material further comprises silver-containing nylon fabric.

Amend claim 16 as follows:

16. The device as recited in claim 12, wherein said antimicrobial sheet material further comprises:

a first layer of polymeric material; and

a second layer engaging at least one side of said first layer, said second layer containing said bactericidal metal.

Amend claim 17 as follows:

17. The device as recited in claim 12, wherein said antimicrobial sheet material further comprises:

a first layer of polymeric material including a gel composition including a block copolymer and mineral oil; and

a second layer engaging at least one side of said first layer, said second layer containing said bactericidal metal.

Amend claim 18 as follows:

18. The device as recited in claim 12, wherein said appliance is at least somewhat flexible.

Amend claim 19 as follows:

19. The device as recited in claim 12, wherein said appliance is at least somewhat shapeable.

Amend claim 20 as follows:

20. A treatment device, comprising:
an antimicrobial sheet material having
a first layer of polymeric material, and
a second layer engaging at least one side of said first layer,
said second layer containing silver; and
a dental appliance for retaining said antimicrobial sheet material in
a selected position engaging a treatment site so that, when said antimicrobial sheet
material is in selected position, said antimicrobial sheet material releases metal
ions to said treatment site when wetted.